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Mariano Ospina Perez, President of Colombia, held a secret meeting with the Minister of War and members of the General Staff of the Colombian armed forces at which plans were laid to invade Guepi, Peru, from (sic)* Leticia, Colombia, if the Peruvian government should violate the diplomatic immunity of the Colombian Embassy in Lima in an attempt to seize Haya de la Torre. Colombian Army and Navy forces at the Colombian-Peruvian border are estimated at 2,000 men and Peruvian forces are estimated at 1,500 men.

Comment. Guepi and Leticia are at opposite ends of the Peruvian-Colombian border and are approximately 450 miles apart.

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